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Dear Colonel Knight:

On the afternoon of Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005 the Punta Gorda Police Department had occasion to investigate a traffic fatality within our city. As a result of the crash, a 65 year-old motorcyclist was killed upon colliding with a motor vehicle.

Upon summoning assistance from FHP Troop F in Venice, Florida, **Corporal David Staley** and **Corporal Cale Stevens** responded to the scene. I want to personally compliment the professionalism and expertise of these two Troopers as they went above and beyond to assist our on-scene personnel during the investigation. My officers at the scene could not say enough good things about these two fine representatives of your agency.

There have been several occasions that we have called upon Troop F in Venice for technical assistance and we have consistently seen this manner of professionalism and cooperation. I am sure that you are proud of your Venice Troop as they exemplify the highest standards set by the Florida Highway Patrol.

Please pass on our sincere gratitude to Corporal Staley, Corporal Stevens, and the Commander of Troop F for a job well done. If the Punta Gorda Police Department can ever be of assistance to the Florida Highway Patrol, I hope you will call upon us.

Sincerely,

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